

HILLSIDE CHILDREN'S CENTER

Definition of Infirmary Service

In March 1949, the Liaison Committee of the Board of Hillside Children's Center, authorized the extension of its services to include the use of the facilities of the Infirmary to meet some unmet needs in the community program of Child Welfare.

Since Hillside Children's Center is a case work agency with an institutional and foster family program authorized by the State Department of Social Welfare to care for dependent and neglected children who can not be cared for in their own homes, with their natural parents, it follows that any child accepted for this special Infirmary service must meet the definition of the so called dependent and neglected child as defined by the Social Welfare Law.

In other words, any child to whom this special service is rendered is in need of removal, or already has been removed from an inadequate home situation which is not conducive to his well being, his growth and development.

Further in this specific instance as well as in any other, admission to Hillside Children's Center is based upon a careful social study which reveals that the child and his parents are in need of, and entitled to the case work services of the agency.

The following Infirmary Services are extended to all agencies in the community as well as to private families provided the above requirements are met:

1. Isolation of children exposed to contagious diseases where there are no foster homes available for this purpose.
2. Care of children with a contagious disease such as; ~~such~~ ~~as~~ measles or mumps, where foster home isolation facilities are lacking.
3. Sick children needing bed care, but not hospital care. This care is rendered usually on an emergency basis in instances of sudden removal from a foster home.
4. Physically handicapped children who attend school but are in need of some special facilities not obtainable in a foster family home or regular institutional program.
5. Children who need observation and study to determine which type of care best meets their needs, foster family home or institutions.

6. Emotionally disturbed children who need study and treatment in a setting more neutral than the foster family home, and with less pressure than the cottage group.

Emphasis must be given to the fact that any child admitted to this service must meet the requirements of admission to the agency as set forth by the Articles of Incorporation of Hillside Children's Center and the Social Welfare Law of the State of New York. Further, children recommended by physicians for hospital care, or care in the Convalescent Hospital are not accepted.

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